



## CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Set Public Hearing for April 3, 1991, Re: Banning of Organized Track Events and Bicycles in the Nature Area at Lodi Lake Park

MEETING DATE: March 20, 1991

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set Public Hearing for April 3, 1991, regarding recommendation for banning the conducting of organized track meets/events and bicycling in the Nature Area at Lodi Lake Park.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At a meeting held in January 1991, the Nature Area Advisory Committee recommended to the Lodi Parks and Recreation Commission that all track meets/events being held in the Nature Area, along with bicycling be banned.

Their reasoning was the interpretation of the Richard Bigler (Lodi Lake Park Master Plan) where he called for limited and moderate use of the Nature Area and in light of the tremendous damage that is currently taking place in the area (see EXHIBIT B attached). The NAAC indicated that major track events and bicycles are going off of the main trails and causing widening and destruction to the minor trail areas and an ever increasing garbage problem, plus heavy use of the area by nonsensitive people/citizens, etc. The Committee also indicated that this is their effort to interpret the Bigler plan and make the Commission aware of area problems/concerns.

The Parks and Recreation Commission heard the recommendation at their meeting of February 5, 1991, and solicited comments from both NAAC representatives at the meeting and citizens. After an hour of comments, the Commission asked that the issue be put on the March Commission Agenda to give them a month to talk to residents and get opinions on what to do. It was also decided by Chairman Bob Johnson that the Parks staff bring back an interpretation of the Bigler Master Plan and what its position is on uses of this area. The item was again put on the agenda in March with representatives from NAAC, Lodi Lake docents, park rangers and general citizens (approximately twenty people) present. Positions on this subject were presented. Scott Essin, Parks Superintendent, recapped the Master Plan (EXHIBIT C). Citizens spoke out on bicycling almost exclusively, dealing with restrictions, children and families enjoying the area, etc. After an hour of presentations it was brought back to the table for a vote. A motion was made and a 3-2 vote taken with Steve Scott, Bob Johnson and Bob Casalegno voting in favor of banning organized track events and bicycles in the Nature Area, and Elvera Melby and Dennis Jones voting against the ban.

APPROVED

THOMAS A. PETERSON  
City Manager

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FUNDING: None. Should hiring additional park rangers to patrol the Nature Area to enforce restrictions be required, increased part-time hours and dollars could result. It is also possible that a volunteer corps could be formed to patrol the area which would also require some funding for uniforms, materials and equipment.



Ron Williamson, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

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attachments

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Lodi Parks and Recreation Department  
125 N. Stockton Street  
Lodi, California 95240  
Parks 368-1012 Recreation 333-6742

MEMORANDUM

To: Lodi Parks & Recreation Commission  
From: Scott Essin, Parks Superintendent  
Date: February 22, 1991  
Subject: Richard Bigler Lodi Lake Nature Area Design

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Architect, Richard Bigler, developed the Lodi Lake Master Plan which was approved in 1987. This was a rather comprehensive plan which runs some 65 pages. Following is a synopsis of what that plan says about the Nature Area: In the "Preface to the Design," Bigler mentions the names of the Park Commissioners who participated in the design and the members of the City Council who directed the events. He then notes that there is no room to list the citizens who helped in the design process. He concludes with the following paragraph: "I only have one reservation in my mind about the parks future development. That is the potential for overuse of the natural area. This can not be allowed to happen. I mention this now, in the hope that some future citizen will read this, and speak out."

Once again, on Page 19, Bigler repeats his concerns about the results of what would happen if the Nature area is over used. On Page 20, he states the following: "The natural areas are the first destroyed by overuse. Then perhaps, we can do away with the Natural idea of the Park, and sprinklers, grass and picnic will be the answer. Or, if we are to preserve the natural forces, and enhance them, controls of mans use will have to be included in the design." I have attached the full text of these three pages so that the full impact of these comments may be read.

The bottom line is a recommendation to restrict users in the Nature area. Also included in the Lodi Lake Master Plan is a list of phased developments that Bigler recommends. His Number #1 priority is development of the Nature Area. On Page 15, he lists eleven items which he recommends as actions that should be taken in the Nature Area. These include some removal of the berry bushes, a fence be erected and gates provided for public entry into the Nature Area, Pig's Lake be connected to the river, and that wild flowers be planted. There are several other recommendation he addresses and the full list is attached. Also attached is a cost estimate to do the recommended work which is to be found on Page 23. Other comments about these recommendations are made throughout the report and I have included these pages as I do not know of a way to give you any better synopsis than what is actually written in his recommendations.

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I would like to comment about some of the data I have developed regarding the Nature Area plan as follows:

Pig's Lake - Bigler recommends that we change the name of Pig's Lake to Blue Heron Lake. I haven't found anyone that wants to change the name. I have found numerous people that want us to leave the name as it has always been. In fact, this same sentiment seems to apply to Pig's Lake itself. I have contacted numerous environmentalists and not one wants to see an inlet into Pig's Lake or a stream developed from Pig's Lake. His conclusion about the need to change Pig's Lake, in my investigations, appears to be environmentally incorrect. The algae he describes is actually wolfia, a single celled plant that creates oxygen.

Wild Flowers - His list of wild flowers for the Nature Area was obtained from Pecoff Seeds. We have planted his wild flower mix in an area of the Nature Area as he recommended. I personally don't think much of the mix. In checking out the origin from most of the mix, I find it comes from high desert areas. How it fits into the Nature Area is a mystery to me. In deference to Richard, he relied on the expertise of Ron Pecoff to develop this list. In speaking with the seed company that developed this list, it was something they knew would grow well in a low water situation. It provides bird seed and cover, so it was planted.

Poplar Tree Grove - Another recommendation was made by Bigler on Page 51 of the Master Plan. He talked about the large poplar tree grove as a significant gathering place and recommends that perhaps this area could be saved for people use, while other areas would be left for wild life.

Bigler also recommends that the grapes be cut off of the poplar trees. In speaking with experts of the Audubon Society, I found them to be appalled at such a recommendation. They describe this area as the only remnant in the park of a riparian forest. If any area was to be left for the wild life, this would be the one they would prefer.

Tree Removal - Bigler's suggestion that trees be removed from the river was implemented. After this work was completed, I was informed these fallen trees were a natural rip rap to prevent further deterioration of the river banks, that they provided protection for fish and other river wild life. Fish & Game does not recommend removal of trees that have fallen into the river. The trees were removed as a hazard to swimmers and boats.

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Woodbridge Irrigation District - One final comment on what would be Page 42, Bigler talks about the Woodbridge Irrigation District property. This section of the Nature Area Plan appears to be in conflict with what may be developed in the City Master Plan. The City has no desire to go to the north side of the river. This is truly unfortunate, but in view of recommendations of the City Attorney, I am aware that there is no plan to purchase this property even should it become available. In addition to the Woodbridge Irrigation property, there is one other property that borders the Nature Area on the north. This property is owned by the Hoffmans.

It is my opinion that eventually the Hoffman property directly across from the Nature Area will be developed. Hoffman has indicated opposition to any written policy that would prevent him from building to the edge of the river at the Nature area.

Fence - Regarding the fence which is to be built enclosing the park, this was a major issue during the hearings on the Master Plan. However, the public agreed to the inclusion of this fence because of the protection it would afford the nearby property owners from those who would flee the park through their back yards. There was great concern by the public that their property be protected. A vocal minority was opposed to the fence entirely as it was viewed as a barrier to them entering the park.

Boats on the River - The Council has moved to delete access to the river by boaters. This was a recommendation made in the Master Plan. There since has been concern about the lack of access to the river.

Berry Bushes - Bigler recommended that berry bushes remain; some removal in a few areas. This work is as now being proposed by the Nature Area Advisory Committee. (See Pages 34 and 35 attached)

Joggers - Jogging was to be done on a new path which would run the base of the levee which separates the park from the homes. The idea here was to exclude joggers from the Park.

Nature Study Center - An area where displays could be exhibited. We are proposing an information center at the old Lake Concession Stand; however, Bigler was proposing a smaller area in the Nature Area.

Fire Hazard - Bigler's plan calls for removal of dense vegetation at Pig's Lake which borders homes. Suggested fire inspection. It is anticipated that this will cause an outcry from the residents, should it occur.

Dogs and Cats - Bigler recommends a fence to help in keeping out roving dogs and cats. This fence would have two gates which would be locked at night. (See attached Pages 53 and 54).

## PREFACE TO THE DESIGN

THE DESIGN AND MASTERPLAN STUDY OF THIS HISTORIC PARK WAS DONE OVER A 16 MONTH PERIOD, AND ENDED IN DECEMBER 1987. AS THE DESIGNER OF THE PARK, I FEEL PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT MY MIND AND HAND TO SUCH A WONDERFUL PARK.

THE LOVE AND CARE THE PARK HAS HAD IS THE RESULT OF THE CITIZENS OF LODI. WHEN ONE LOOKS AT THE HANDPRINTS IN THE MORTAR OF THE LAKE SHORELINES, ONE IS AWARE OF THE PAST DEVOTION THAT HAS BEEN AFFORDED IN THE PARKS DEVELOPMENT TO DATE.

PARK DIRECTOR: RON WILLIAMSON

PARK COMMISSIONERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DESIGN:

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| 1. DEAN DEVINE  | 4. DENNIS SWANSON |
| 2. TAD ISHIHAKA | 5. ELVERA MELBY   |
| 3. DAVID REESE  |                   |

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHO DIRECTED THE EVENTS:

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| 1. EVIE OLSON     | 4. RANDY SNIDER |
| 2. DAVID HINCHMAN | 5. FRED REID    |
| 3. JIM PINKERTON  |                 |

THERE IS NOT ROOM TO LIST THE MANY INTERESTED CITIZENS WHO HELPED IN THE DESIGN PROCESS. THOSE WHO ATTENDED AND COMMENTED AT THE DESIGN HEARINGS, AND THOSE I MET ON THE PARK.

I ONLY HAVE ONE RESERVATION IN MY MIND ABOUT THE PARKS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. THAT IS THE POTENTIAL FOR OVERUSE OF THE NATURAL AREA. THIS CAN NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. I MENTION THIS NOW, IN THE HOPE THAT SOME FUTURE CITIZEN WILL READ THIS, AND SPEAK OUT.

WITH APPRECIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON THIS WONDERFUL SITE..

RICHARD A. BIGLER  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT 1168

## THE NATURAL AREA CONCEPT

It is important for the reader to understand the point of view of the designer of the Lodi Park Masterplan. I want my views clear on how I view the Lodi Lake and the wonderful natural areas that exist.

To understand a Park like this, one must come to grips with 2 important items. They are, the time frame of nature, and the time frame of man. I would like to explain them in terms of my understanding.

1. Nature. The word in itself is profound. Nature is profound, more profound than mans understanding. It is at most times, slow moving, and exhibits a power that is far beyond the reach of man. Its time frames are millennia, moving far beyond the generations of mans existence or of our time. Natures use of the land is always to re-generate itself.
2. Man, in his use of land, looks only at his time frame. Certainly to some extent he looks beyond a generation, little thought is given beyond that. Certainly, not to the eventual re-generation of anything that does not come into the benefit of man.

Both of these points of view are at odds with each other when we are dealing with Park Land that has great natural beauty, wildlife, and mans desire to use these areas. Man in his immediate desire to use the land for his pleasure, comes into conflict with the forces of Nature. The end immediate result is predictable. The Natural forces will bow to man and to the immediate use of man. The higher natural elements and will become extinct. The Catch 22 of it all, is that the higher life forms of Nature are the very things man wants to enjoy the most. Those higher life forms are the wildlife, bird habitat, major oaks and sycamores, that are irreplaceable.

If the higher life forms are destroyed, what then does Nature do. Nature simply starts all over again. In the plant world, it generates lesser forms of plant life, such as weeds, grasses and brambles. In the animal and bird world the loss is more profound. If the wildlife is endangered, it simply moves to another area, or becomes extinct. In this area, the case would be more likely to become extinct and then the domestic animals of man reigns.

To me, the designer, a Natural Park is what the name implies. It is a place for the Natural forces of Nature to benefit. Man is only in the use of the area as long as he does not threaten or destroy the Natural Element.

The natural areas are the first destroyed by overuse. Then perhaps, we can do away with the Natural idea of the Park, and sprinklers, grass and picnic will be the answer. Or, if we are to preserve the natural forces, and enhance them, controls of mans use will have to be included in the design.

By stating these facts, I do not take the position of judgement of the area and what its use should be. Only the citizens of Lodi can specify the use and activity of the area. I do state these facts, so that future Citizens who may read this report will have proper direction from the designer.



Richard A. Bigler  
Landscape Architect 1968



# THE NATURE AREAS

## THE NATURAL AREA DESIGN CONCEPT:

THE NATURAL AREA DESIGN CONCEPT IS ONE OF PRESERVATION OF THE AREA, AND NATURAL ENHANCEMENT. IT INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF CONSIDERATION:

1. MAINTAINING EXISTING PLANT MATERIAL, EXCEPT IN THE AREA OF FIRE CONTROL. THAT INCLUDES THE FURTHER INTRUSION OF THE BERRY BUSHES. PATHWAYS COULD BE MADE TO ALLOW THE BERRY PICKER MORE ACCESS.
2. A FENCE IS TO BE ERECTED ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE TO PROTECT THE AREA, AND THE AREA WILDLIFE FROM FURTHER DOG AND CAT INTRUSION. GATES PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC ENTRY AT THE NATURE STUDY CENTER, AND ALONG THE JOGGING TRAIL. THE AREA IS TO BE CLOSED AT NIGHT.
3. GREEN HERON LAKE IS TO HAVE A RIVER INLET STRUCTURE PROVIDED TO CIRCULATE RIVER WATER THROUGH THE LAKE. AT THE WEST END OF THE LAKE AN OUTFALL FOR THE WATER IS TO BE BUILT SO THAT WATERS WILL FLOW DOWN THE PRESENT DRAIN, WITH RE-ENTRY TO THE RIVER AT THE NATURE STUDY CENTER AREA.
4. PLANT AND WILDLIFE OBSERVATION POINTS ARE TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE ACTIVITIES CALLED FOR IN THE NATURE STUDY CENTER.
5. FUTURE PLANTINGS OF THE AREA WILL CALL FOR SEEDING RESPECTIVE AREAS WITH WILDFLOWERS AND MINOR PLANT LIFE THAT FIT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. SPECIAL PLANTS ARE TO BE INCLUDED THAT HAVE SEED FOR BIRD LIFE.
6. TREES THAT HAVE FALLEN INTO THE RIVER ARE TO BE REMOVED ON THE CITY SIDE OF THE RIVER.
7. MAN MADE STRUCTURES ALONG THE RIVER ARE TO BE REMOVED.
8. SWIMMING OFF THE BANKS IS TO BE PROHIBITED.
9. PARK SECURITY IN THE NATURE AREA IS IMPORTANT. LOCKING OF THE GATES AT NIGHT WILL PREVENT PUBLIC ENTRY. THIS WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE RISK OF VANDALISM AND FIRE.
10. THE LEVEE BANKS THAT SEPARATE THE NATIVE AREA FROM THE EDGEWOOD HOMES WILL BE PLANTED. THIS WILL PREVENT PUBLIC ACCESS INTO PRIVATE PROPERTY. WALKING ON THE TOP OF THE LEVEE AND IMPROVE THE PRIVACY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS.
11. A PATH ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE FENCED AREA SHALL BE A PART OF THE LAKE CIRCULATION SYSTEM. THE ASPHALT PATH SHALL BE LOCATED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE FENCE BETWEEN THE FENCE AND LEVEE, AND WILL EXTEND TO THE GREEN HERON LAKE AREA.

*Fence*

*Levee*

*Asphalt Path*

*General Trail Improvement in Nature Area - not addressed in master plan but a need. (Filling in gaps and trail out on logs and brush chip material)*

## COST ESTIMATES

### FOR

### LODI LAKE PARK

THE FOLLOWING COST ESTIMATES ARE MASTERPLAN ESTIMATES ONLY. COSTS ARE ESTIMATES WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS OR KNOWLEDGE OF UNDERGROUND CONDITIONS, UTILITIES, OR RESTRICTIONS THAT MAY BE PLACED BY AGENCIES THAT MAY GOVERN THE AREA. THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT DOES NOT GUARANTEE ANY FIGURE.

#### NATURES AREAS:

GREEN HERON LAKE INLET & OUTLET STRUCTURES.....	\$50,000.00
STREAM OUTLET TO LAKE IMPROVEMENTS.....	15,000.00
2,900 LIN. FT. FENCING @ 8.00 AND GATES.....	23,000.00
650,000 SQ. FT. WILDFLOWER SEEDING X .04 PER FT.....	26,000.00
FIRE CONTROL WORK.....	30,000.00
REMOVAL DEAD MATERIALS IN RIVER.....	30,000.00
NATURE STREAM BED IMPROVEMENTS.....	25,000.00
CLEANING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO GREEN HERON LAKE.....	25,000.00
NATURE STUDY CENTER (DONATION).....	10,000.00
<del>NATURE STUDY CENTER CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS</del> .....	4,000.00
AQUATIC AREA IMPROVEMENTS.....	<u>20,000.00</u>

TOTAL..... \$258,000.00

#### PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

##### A.C. JOGGING CIRCULATION TRAIL 10,000 LIN. FT.

X 10 FT. WIDE AT 1.50 SQ. FT.....	150,000.00
PARK IRRIGATION, CENTRAL AREA.. 5.25 ACRES X 8.000....	50,000.00
PARK IRRIGATION, PENINSULA AREA 9 ACRES X 8.000.....	75,000.00
PUMPING SYSTEM & WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS.....	<u>15,000.00</u>

TOTAL..... \$290,000.00

#### CENTRAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

NEW PARKING AREA 75,000 SQ. FT. @2.00.....	\$150,000.00
NEW CONC. WORK 15,000.00 X 2.00.....	30,000.00
10 TREES AND PLANTER WELLS @ 400.00.....	4,000.00
DECORATIVE BRICK WORK.....	15,000.00
1 CONCESSION BUILDING.....	100,000.00
1 BOAT HOUSE AND EQUIPMENT.....	85,000.00
1 WALL STRUCTURES 125 FT. 40.00 LIN. FT.....	5,000.00
DOCK AREA, INCLUDES DECK & BOAT AREAS.....	<u>125,000.00</u>

INCLUDED IN THIS STUDY IS A DRAWING OF A PROPOSED NATURE STUDY CENTER TO BE DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE LODI SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THE LARGE POPULAR TREE GROVE IS A SIGNIFICANT GATHERING PLACE. THE LAND AREA DIRECTLY BEHIND IT HAS A WONDERFUL TRAIL SYSTEM, AND PERHAPS THIS AREA COULD BE SAVED FOR PEOPLE USE, WHILE OTHERS MAY BE USED FOR WILDLIFE.

PARK SPACE AND  
THE WOODBRIDGE IRRIGATION DISTRICT PROPERTY

It takes time to grasp the whole meaning of the park area. Some come to fish, play, picnic, walk, jog, boat and take part in many activities provided by the park. They come from a highly developed residential area, similar to that surrounding the park. But, they also come for something else, and that is the sense of SPACE. This is a unique setting. It is different from other parks as it is a long curved narrow strip of land that holds a large waterway in the center. When you define the main park, separate from the Nature area, The visual space is the most important element. Part of that space is the Woodbridge Irrigation District land that is directly North of the Park. It extends from the first bend in the river below Pig Lake to the dam in length, and from the park area to the Bluffs to the North.

Consider what the park would be like if that area was ever developed from its natural state, to industrial, residential, or some other use in the next 30 years. That impact would be catastrophic. The fact that the land is owned by a Water District is very positive to its long term use as a waterholding area as it now exists. Every consideration should be taken to insure that not development will be possible on the North side of the River.

END THIS SECTION

DI LAKE MASTERPLAN, SUMMER 1986

THE NATURAL AREA:

ZONES: The natural area is divided into 3 major linear zones.  
these are:

- a. The area next to the river. This area has heavy vegetation, mainly, Oaks, Sycamores, Berry Bushes, Willows and native grasses.
- b. The area directly behind zone a. This is also linear and mainly oaks, some alders, berry bushes, and lower class grasses.
- c. A linear area that connects to the residential zone. This area of the park has a higher elevation, and has sparse oaks, some berry bushes, and mainly grasses. This is a dryer area that areas a. and b. due to the higher elevation and is not effected by the higher water table.

Major problems that exist are:

- a. Pig-Lake, lack of water circulation and filling in with sediments. If the lake could be restored, it could be a gem. Even now, at early summer, it is beautiful. But as summer progresses the algae takes over the lake. (photo record)
- b. Berry bushes. Major areas of the area is taken over with berry plants. If no controls are taken, or areas cleared,

all of area a. and b. will be taken over to a solid mass of berry plants. Controls should be initiated as soon as possible. (photo record)

c. Wild grapes have a good hold in the more Eastern part of the area. They should be removed and cut down from the oaks and sycamores. They choke the trees, provide cover for pests that attack the trees, and after they die off, provide fodder that creates a fire hazard. Although in some cases they have beauty, that beauty is death to the major trees and quality plant life. (photo record)

~~FIRE HAZARDS: The more Eastern portion of the natural area by~~  
~~Big Lake, near the Condominium Project, needs to be cleared out.~~  
~~The vegetative cover is dense, unattractive, and a fire hazard to~~  
~~the nearby structures.~~ Other smaller areas in area a. of the

project have areas that could also provide fodder for fire. The fire department could make a visual inspection of the area.

SOILS: The soils are mainly even and of high quality. (photo record)

COMMENTS: The whole area is beautiful and has enormous potential for a quality study area of natural plants. (photo record)

#### ON SITE OBSERVATION

4 TRIPS INTO THE PARK WERE MADE. TWO IN FEBRUARY AND 2 IN LATE MARCH. THE MAIN REASON FOR ON SITE OBSERVATIONS AT THIS TIME WERE TO ADDRESS BIRD AND WILDLIFE, AND EARLY POSSIBLE SPRING NATIVE WILDFLOWERS.

BIRD FINDINGS: WITH THE LOSS OF VEGETATION AT THIS TIME OF YEAR IT IS EASY TO SEE THE PREVIOUS NESTING AREAS OF BIRDS. I FOUND VERY FEW NESTING AREAS FOR AN AREA AS LARGE AND DENSELY-GROWN AS THIS.

WITH THE LOSS OF VEGETATION I BECAME AWARE OF THE LARGE NUMBERS OF CATS WHO ARE HUNTING THE AREA. ALSO DOGS, RUNNING THE AREA WITH OUT ANY CONTROL, OR, DOGS WITH VISITORS RUNNING FREE WITHOUT ANY LEASH.

THE QUAIL POPULATION THAT WAS IN THE PARK LAST YEAR HAVE SEEMED TO HAVE LEFT.

EARLY MORNING AND LATE EVENING FLIGHTS OF STARLINGS FLY UP AND DOWN THE RIVER, SOME ROOSTING FOR THE NIGHT.

I FEEL THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF THE SMALLER BIRD LIFE IN THE PARK FROM WHAT ONE WOULD EXPECT TO FIND. I FEEL THAT THIS IS DUE TO THE HUNTING OF CATS, AND LARGE HUNTING DOGS.

RECOMMENDATION:

~~IT IS MY RECOMMENDATION THAT THE AREA BE FENCED~~  
TO PREVENT THE HUNTING OF THE NATURAL SPECIES BY DOMESTIC  
ANIMALS. THAT DOGS THAT ARE ALLOWED IN THE AREA BE ON A LEASH  
AND NOT RUN FREE.

TWO GATES WOULD BE PROVIDED. ONE AT THE NATURE STUDY CENTER, AND  
ONE ALONG THE JOGGING TRAIL. IT WOULD BE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD  
BE LOCKED AT NIGHT AND OPEN IN THE DAY. THAT THE GATES HAVE SUCH  
SPRING ATTACHMENTS, THAT THEY CLOSE BY THEMSELVES.

WITH THE COLD WEATHER THE PARK ACTIVITY IS LOW. THERE IS ALWAYS  
THE SAME FAITHFUL JOGGERS WHO COME AND WALK OR JOG THE PARK SITE.  
ONE CAN'T HELP WONDERING IF THERE WOULD BE MORE PEOPLE IN THE  
PARK IF THE LAKE WAS FULL OF WATER AND NOT JUST A DARK BLEAK AREA.



DECLARATION OF MAILING

On March 21, 1991 in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, I deposited in the United States mail, envelopes with first-class postage prepaid thereon, containing a copy of the Notice attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A"; said envelopes were addressed as is more particularly shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

There is a regular daily communication by mail between the City of Lodi, California, and the places to which said envelopes were addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 21, 1991, at Lodi, California.

Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

Jennifer M. Perrin  
Jennifer M. Perrin  
Deputy City Clerk

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# CITY OF LODI

CARNEGIE FORUM  
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: April 3, 1991

Time: 7:30 p.m.

For information regarding this Public Hearing  
Please Contact:

Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk  
Telephone: 333-6702

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

April 3, 1991

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the following matter:

- a) recommendation from the Lodi Parks and Recreation Commission to ban the conducting of organized track meets/events and bicycling in the nature area at Lodi Lake Park.

All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 221 West Pine Street, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

By Order Of the Lodi City Council:

*Alice M. Reimche*  
Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

Dated: March 20, 1991

Approved as to form:

*Bobby W. McNatt*  
Bobby W. McNatt  
City Attorney

BANNING TRACK/BICYCLING  
LODI LAKE NATURE AREA  
MAILING LIST  
EXHIBIT B

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Parks and Recreation Director

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